Sale of soft drink concentrate by Pepsi Foods

*156. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pepsi Foods soft drink concentrate sales are not to exceed 25 per cent of total turnover;

(b) if so, whether the turnover mean sales of only those items covered under the Foreign Collaboration approval; and

(c) whether the sale of Rice, Shrimps and tea would not be included in the turnover for the purpose of computing the soft drink turnover and if these items are to be included, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Ministry had taken a view that the 'turnover of the company' should relate to the items specified in the letter of intent/foreign collaboration approval granted to the company; but the company has *inter alia* argued that the agreement does not define or list the products to be included in such total turnover' and therefore should include all products soldexported by it. In view of the difference of interpretation of the term 'turnover of the company' the matter has been referred to the Ministry of Law and until the legal examination is completed and a decision is taken it will not be possible at this stage to categorically state whether the sale of rice, shrimps and tea are to be included/excluded in counting the turnover in the expression 'total turnover of the company', mentioned in the letter of intent/foreign collaboration approval.

Dual pricing policy for fertilisers

*157. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States have expressed administrative difficulties in implementing the Government's dual pricing policy in regard to fertilisers — 30 per cent increase to big farmers and pre-budget prices for small and marginal farmers, and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The State Governments have generally expressed administratvie difficulties in implementing the Government's decision to exempt small and marginal farmers from the impact of the latest increase in the price of fertiliser. However to ensure the benefit of prerevised prices to small and marginal fanners, guidelines for the scheme have been framed by the Government of India in consultation with the States. The States have been given adequate flexibility to finalised the scheme of reimbursement to small and marginal farmers.

People below poverty line in Madhya Pradesh

*158. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of people living below poverty line in the rural and urban oreas of Madhya Pradesh, vis-a-vis that in other States and Union Territories;

(b) what specific schemes have been submitted and approved for alleviation of poverty in Madhya Pradesh this year and

(c) the Central aid sought and sanc tioned therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND